



## Marriage to be performed in Switzerland

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### Documents to be submitted personally at your Swiss representation

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- "Application for preparatory procedure for marriage" [FR](#) | [DE](#) | [IT](#) (PDF) duly completed, dated and signed

#### For the person of Swiss nationality living in the Bahamas:

- original certificate of current residence
- valid passport or identity card

#### For the person living and born in The Bahamas:

- birth certificate (Certified Copy of Entry in Register of Births) original document with Apostille, issued within the last 6 months.
- [Affidavit \(PDF\)](#) statutory declaration concerning domicile and civil status to be certified by a notary (documents sworn by a commissioner of oaths will not be accepted)
- valid passport or identity card, original document
- if divorced: divorce decree with date of enforcement (original document)
- if widowed: death certificate (original document)

#### For the person living in The Bahamas but born outside of The Bahamas:

If the fiancé/fiancée living in The Bahamas was not born in The Bahamas (regardless of citizenship), please contact your competent representation by email.

#### For the person living in Switzerland:

- copy of certificate of current residence in Switzerland
- copy of valid passport and/or identity card

#### For any joint children not yet registered in the Swiss civil status register:

- birth certificate with parental information, original document
- official act establishing parentage or recognition of paternity, document original
- valid passport or identity card

#### For any joint children registered in the Swiss civil status register:

- copy of birth certificate
- copy of valid passport and/or identity card

### With application for long stay in Switzerland (family reunion visa)

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- [3 forms visa application](#) for a long stay visa (D visa) duly completed, dated and signed ([visa fee](#))
- 2 color photos, passport size, not attached to the file

## Translation

Documents that are not in a Swiss national language or in English must be translated.

## Interpreter/Translator

Depending the case, you will be asked to come to the consulate with a professional translator/interpreter. It is your obligation to hire a suitable interpreter and to arrange and ensure his/her presence at the appointment. Please note that your translator must present proof of his/her profession, such as a business card, in order for the Swiss authorities to accept his/her services.

## Fees

The exact amount to be paid will be communicated on a case-by-case basis, taking into account any additional fees required for supplementary services.

Please note that the costs for the verification and legalization of documents from third countries may, in some cases, be significantly higher and require an advance payment of more than CHF 1000.00.

## Additional Information

An Affidavit is a solemn declaration concerning domicile and marital status. This must be certified by a (public) notary only. Documents sworn by a commissioner of oaths or otherwise will not be accepted by the authorities in Switzerland.

Civil status certificates/acts can be obtained from the [Registrar General's Department](#) and must be authenticated and apostilled by the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Consular Division](#). Photocopies, scanned copies, faxes or carbon copies of these original documents are not accepted.

In order for us to offer you an appointment, the file must be consulted beforehand and must be complete. Kindly send us your documents by email in PDF format. Please make sure that your scans are readable and send only one email containing all your documents. Appointments for wedding preparations are scheduled according to availability and during office hours. If you come to the competent Consulate without an appointment, you will be refused access. Only persons (not accompanying persons) who have an appointment will be allowed to enter the building. The Consulates General in Montreal reserve the right to cancel an appointment if the situation requires it.

If your file is complete you will automatically receive an appointment with the competent representation. The Consulates process their applications in the chronological order in which they are received and the processing time may vary between 2 and 8 weeks depending on the volume of incoming applications.

The fees for a marriage preparation procedure are payable by debit card or credit card (Visa & Mastercard).